

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1535

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 12, 1976

Order Directing D. C. TRANSIT)
SYSTEM, INC., to Comply with Regu-)
lation Nos. 55-08 and 65-03)

Docket No. 294

Investigation to Determine the)
Nature of Joint Operations, if Any,)
between D. C. TRANSIT SYSTEM, INC.,)
and WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA AND MARY-)
LAND COACH COMPANY, INC., and Order)
Directing Compliance)

Docket No. 320

By Order No. 1507, served February 27, 1976, the Commission directed D. C. Transit System, Inc. (D. C. Transit) to cease and desist from commingling its passengers with the passengers of other carriers without approval and to cease and desist from rendering any transportation services within the Metropolitan District other than the individually ticketed sightseeing service specified in its current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5-A. The Commission also scheduled a public hearing to commence April 19, 1976, for the purpose of determining whether D. C. Transit has complied with these directives.

By Order No. 1521, served March 17, 1976, the Commission instituted an investigation of D. C. Transit and Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (W.V.&M.) and scheduled a public hearing to commence April 16, 1976. The purpose of the hearing is to develop a record concerning a purported operating agreement between D. C. Transit and W.V.&M., the extent of operations, if any, pursuant to that agreement, and whether a basis exists for a suspension, change, or revocation, in whole or in part, of either Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A of W.V.&M. or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5-A of D. C. Transit. D. C. Transit and W.V.&M. were required to present certain information at the hearing.

On April 8, 1976, D. C. Transit and W.V.&M. filed a joint motion to reschedule the hearings directed by Order Nos. 1507 and 1521. Movants seek to have the hearings postponed until a date during the first two weeks of May 1976, and to have the hearings held on the same day. Movants submit that the postponement is necessary for them to prepare the information required to present a clear and full picture of the matters under

consideration and that one of the witnesses is unavailable on the scheduled date. Movants also submit that consecutive hearings on the same day would save manpower, time and money.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule of Practice 7-06, the Commission shall postpone the hearings scheduled by Order Nos. 1507 and 1521. The postponement will not adversely affect the public interest in these proceedings in that the Commission previously has directed D. C. Transit and W.V.&M. to comply with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission and the terms, conditions, and limitations of the Certificates.

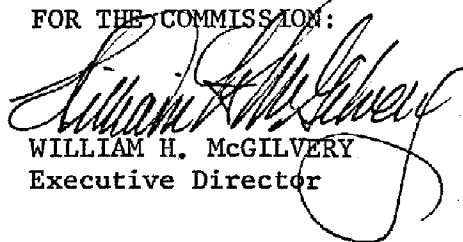
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the motion to reschedule hearings so that they are held consecutively and at a later date, jointly filed by D. C. Transit System, Inc., and Washington, Virginia, and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., be, and it is hereby, granted.

2. That the public hearing scheduled to commence April 19, 1976, by Commission Order No. 1507, served February 27, 1976, be, and it is hereby, postponed until May 4, 1976, at 1:00 P. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

3. That the public hearing scheduled to commence April 16, 1976, by Commission Order No. 1521, served March 17, 1976, be, and it is hereby, postponed until May 4, 1976, at 1:00 P. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director